
**LOS ANGELES COUNTY
HIV PREVENTION PLANNING COMMITTEE (PPC)
A Select Committee of the Commission on HIV Health Services
600 South Commonwealth Avenue, 6th Floor- Los Angeles CA 90005-4001**

MEETING SUMMARY
Thursday, August 2, 2001
1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
St. Anne's Foundation Conference Room
155 North Occidental Boulevard-Los Angeles, CA

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mario Perez	Maria Perez
Richard Zaldivar	Jeff Bailey (L)
Chi-Wai Au (L)	Sergio Avina
Ricky Bluthenthal (L)	Gordon Bunch
Tony Bustamante (L)	Mark Etzel
Ramon Flores	Kevin Kindlin
Juan Carlos Ledesma	Ric Loya (L)
Cleo Manago	Edric Mendia
Veronica Morales	Vicky Ortega (L)
Keisha Paxton	Frank Roque
Ricki Rosales	Kellii Trombacco
Nancy Wongvipat	

ABSENT

Danielle Glenn-Rivera
*Sandra Cargill
James Miller
Gail Sanabria
Vanessa Talamantes

STAFF PRESENT

Dean Goishi	Magdalena Esquivel	Rene Seidel
Oscar Garcia	Elizabeth Escobedo	Anna Soto
Delia Sandoval		

ROLL CALL - Roll call was conducted. A quorum was present.

CHIPTS COLLOQUIA SERIES - Dr. Lisa Melchior

Outreach for Linking Women with Multiple Vulnerability to Substance Abuse, Mental Health and HIV Services. A copy of the Presentation was made available. The focus is on HIV prevention and the context of how it intersects with other services that other women at risk might need. Including mental health and substance abuse services.

Mark Etzel stated that next month the Colloquia Series will be by presented by Dr. David Holtgrave who was the head of HIV/AIDS Prevention Intervention Research Intervention Research and Support at CDC. He is now at Emory University will speak on the topic Trends in HIV Prevention Policy.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The committee approved the agenda with changes. The committee approved to move from section number X. Co-chairs report New Members and PPC Representatives to CHHS after item number IV.

APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY

The committee approved the meeting summary for July 5, 2001.

NEW MEMBERS

Clay Clyde Allen III and Emma Robinson were nominated for PPC membership. Both Clay Allen and Emma Robinson were highly recommended by PPC members.

Previously the PPC recommended selecting a person associated with the faith community and another from SPA 1. The community has expressed concerns about the need for a younger African American male and Clay Allen fits that description. Emma Robinson is an African American female from SPA 1. New members will be assigned to the Operations sub-committee.

MOTION # 3: It was moved seconded and approved to add **Clay Allen** as PPC member.

MOTION # 4: It was moved, seconded and approved to add **Emma Robinson** as PPC member.

PPC REPRESENTATIVES TO CHHS

Maria G. Perez stated that the Commission referred the PPC nominated members, Cleo Manago, and Sergio Avina back to the PPC. They were concerned about the attendance of the two nominees at PPC meetings and what it would translate into as far as commission participation. They were also concerned about the legislative mandate, which states that one third of the membership of the Commission should be HIV positive and wanted an HIV+ nominee. Another concern is that there was no female nominee. Their recommendation was to consider these three factors and resubmit recommendations for the Commission. **Jeff Bailey** commented that although Vanessa Talamantes does not represent the PPC at the Commission she is a Commission member and a PPC member.

MOTION #5: It was moved, seconded and approved to submit the following names for PPC representation to the Commission; **Sergio Avina, Cleo Manago, Vickie Ortega.**

Friendly amendment # 1: Acknowledge that there is a positive person from the PPC who is a CHHS member. That there is a women who sits on the PPC who is a member of the CHHS, even though she does not formally represent the PPC, from the prevention standpoint the representation is there.

Friendly amendment # 2: to add **Edric Mendia** to the list of names to be forwarded to the CHHS.

Maria G. Perez clarified about the mandate that by 2002 one-third of the representatives on the CHHS must be non-affiliated to an HIV service provider. It was a congressional mandate that was incorporated into the reauthorization of the Ryan White Care Act. It was not a decision made by the CHHS. These are Federal guidelines that guide the process for commission work. All care bodies will be accountable to that mandate.

Mario Perez declared that effective July when the PPC Policies and Procedures were approved, three absences by a PPC member within a twelve-month period would be cause for removal from the PPC.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dan Montoya, who is the new Government Relations Representative for APLA Advisory Council, commented that he is looking forward to working with the PPC and being a voice for the community. Previously he worked with Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS.

Eddie Martinez announced that on September 22, the Los Angeles Dodgers and The Wall Las Memorias Project would be hosting an event called the Latino Hollywood Celebrity Challenge Strike out AIDS. Flyers were passed out.

PRESENTATION: The Multi-Cultural Asian Pacific HIV/AIDS Community – by Jury Candelario

A copy of the presentation will be provided.

Language access to HIV Services was also presented. It was suggested that the issue of language access go to the Standards and Best Practice sub-committee to draft a recommendation on how language would impact upcoming review of the HIV Prevention Plan.

Maria G. Perez commented that the federal mandate places language very high in the Continuum of Care Services Model. There is an existing plan to look at language and how to address it for prevention care in counseling and testing.

Richard Zaldivar asked for a moment of silence for our brother, Paul Davis who was the Executive Director of Programs at the Minority AIDS Project, who passed away last week.

BREAK

PUBLIC COMMENT

Shirley Bushnell commented that recently sex workers, who are part of their target population, did not want to receive condoms. After taking the individual's picture, law enforcement makes a notation on the individual's record indicating that they had condoms in their possession. The West Hollywood Sheriffs Department will note the amount of condoms in their report. The city attorneys and DAs are accepting that as evidence of their sex work status. She asked the PPC to look at how to get the prevention message to law enforcement.

After a discussion the about this issue the following suggestions were made:

- **Mario Perez** asked that clients provide as much detail of those incidents as possible, such as the name of the officer, incident date, and the citation number to present to LAPD. This will help OAPP intervene and address these incidents.
- **Mark Etzel**, co-chair of the Public Policy committee commented that he would draft a letter.
- **Richard Zaldivar** stated that this issue should be brought up at the next gay and lesbian advisory committee meeting that is hosted by the LAPD Police Chief.
- **Kellii Trombacco** suggested to Shirley to work closely with the Los Angeles County Transgender Task Force.

Lamar Johnson - President of a minority based HIV/AIDS service agency in San Fernando Valley commented that recently several clients complained that there are two medical service agencies in the Valley distributing morphine base pills and morphine to HIV/ IV users who are in recovery or on parole. At least nine individuals have had the same complaint. He asked for assistance on how to obtain a resolution to stop this practice. He was encouraged to bring this issue to the CHHS and to make the medical Director Alan Kurz of OAPP aware.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Mark Etzel commented that a number of meetings have been taking place. There are a number of ongoing process activities associated with the planning effort. It will encompass various activities that will fully help to understand HIV in a broader context for HIV prevention, care and treatment. The policy committee has been meeting jointly with the CHHS. They are focusing on 5 areas in terms of strengthening their relationship with elected officials, increasing the understanding of the need for training and capacity building, and looking at the integration of care and prevention for the two planning bodies.

There are three tasks in which the joint effort of the PPC and the CHHS will be addressing.

Needs Assessment - PPC Evaluation Sub-Committee and CHHS Priorities and Planning and Evaluation

These two committees will look at a needs assessment that is much broader than just HIV. It will look at economic development and how that impacts HIV prevention and care, and language.

Quality Assurance and Evaluation – PPC Standards and Best Practice (CHHS subcommittee to be named later)

These two committees will be looking at how we provide care services, prevention services and how we interface with other service system that works.

Financial Needs Assessment-PPC Executive Sub-committee

The PPC Executive sub-committee will be relying on the gaps analysis resource inventory to identify where the prevention dollars are in the county, on how they interface with other care dollars, and look more broadly to the seven lenses. Those meetings will be scheduled over the next few months.

The **Core Planning Partners**, (includes PPC, CHHS, OAPP and the Chief Elected Officials), have started to roll out the planning process to other stakeholders.

The core **Strategic Planning Oversight Group (SPOG)** met. They will be working with the Children's Planning Council. The SPOG Work Group (includes people involved in HIV work, research work, and community advocacy) have convened to make recommendations to take to the Board of Supervisors. The recommendations will include how to operationalize some of the changes so that we are in compliance with HRSA and to ensure that Los Angeles is in compliance. There was a need to look at the new requirements that were put forth in the Reauthorization Care Act.

OAPP REPORT

CDC Application Overview by Maria G. Perez

The CDC proposal is due September 17, 2001. PPC members met as a working group and responded to five questions. The first draft of the proposal will be ready for review by Mr. Henry by late August. A letter of concurrence will be required that indicates to CDC that the PPC has contributed to the application, proposed recommendations that are consistent with the HIV Prevention Plan, reviewed the proposal submitted and with the overall goals of the CDC guidelines. .

It was suggested that the PPC meet on **September 12, 2001**, at 1:00 p.m., at OAPP, to review the proposal and approve the letter of concurrence.

RFP

Counseling and Testing by Maria G. Perez

The Counseling and Testing RFP put out \$6.2 million for counseling and testing that was supposed to be targeted at BRG's. This was a way to bring closer the services of prevention and counseling and testing by pairing them in some logical manner. The first category of the RFP was Community-Based Organizations intended to target the major BRGs identified in our Prevention Plan. After our review of the applications we were unable to award almost \$600,000 in Category 1. Largely MSMs and MSMs of color were not targeted. It should raise the concern about why it is that we are missing the point in targeting the population that Epi data indicates we should be targeting. Overall, close to \$1 million were not allocated. It raised questions as to what we as a planning body need to do to create interest in these services. There is concern that we seem not to be able to effectively engage our partners in the MSM category. We have finalized the counseling and testing RFPs and are about to move forward with our recommendations to the Health Deputies. They are given 10 working days to review our recommendations, comment, and provide us with any concern or questions that they might have about funding levels, organizations, or any other concern that they may have. If we hear nothing else we should be in a position to release the awards after two weeks.

We were not able to award all of the funds allocated under the Section of the RFP that addresses the Corrections Demonstration Project. We hear people have concerns about working in the jail or providing services to people with incarcerated experience, yet, we, were not able to award all of our funds because we did not get sufficient proposals.

There was some concern stated through public comment that RFP announcements are not being made to the right agencies and that OAPP is contacting agencies that are not HIV/AIDS service providers.

Maria G. Perez clarified that we did not identify the agencies. There was a mailing of approximately 2,700 announcement letters to Service Providers in the county that included all interested parties. In addition, it has been posted on our web page and the Office of Small Business web page allowing persons that we may have not addressed the opportunity to access the RFPs. RFPs were announced on numerous publications as well as at these meetings and at the Commission meetings.

Rebid of the Prevention by Maria G. Perez

It was necessary to rebid the Prevention RFP because funds were not previously awarded in the MSM category due to lack of fundable proposals. Funds for African American transgender were included and additional funding through our CDC supplemental application were also included to initiate a small demonstration project in the schools not part of the LAUSD system. We are forwarding proposals for the internal review by senior management at OAPP to ensure that we are meeting the targets, allocating the funds based on where we identify gaps, and then we will proceed in moving those recommendations forward to the Health Deputies. Given that all of this is happening in the middle of our CDC proposal and our HRSA proposal, it is expected that we will not be able to release final results for about another month and a half because of all of our other deadlines that we are expected to meet. We will continue to update our web site where we post updates and any concerns we have regarding the RFPs. We encourage each and every one of you and anyone who submitted a proposal to continuously check the web site.

CPN Evaluation by Maria G. Perez

The rebid of the Oversight entity for the CPNs proposals is due August 3, 2001. So far six entities have indicated interest in submitting proposals.

It is anticipated that the next two big proposals, the Corrections Demonstration Project and the Capacity Building Initiative, will be released before the fall. The Capacity Building Initiative will include some evaluation

components and the re-bid of the community development entities as well as three service provider networks for care services.

Mario Perez the Prevention Services Division at the OAPP is responsible for managing the implementation of prevention programs funded by OAPP. In an effort to raise the level of quality for the prevention services countywide, a number of integral components are required of the 90 contracts. The evaluation plan, quality improvement plan and a revised monthly report are the three components that capture the interventions and activities provided by those prevention programs.

Juan Carlos Ledesma commented that he was very impressed with the level of understanding of evaluation activities by providers at training and that this is a testament to the work at OAPP and the work of the PPC.

Mario Perez announced that Latino Gay Pride event is scheduled for Sunday. A good response was received from community partners for at The Beach event. The same effort has been put into Latino Pride. Rapid testing will be available. These events provide an opportunity to target prevention services and mobilize the response.

State Budget

The governor signed the budget about ten days ago. There was an overall increase in the AIDS portion of the state budget. However a total of four million dollars from Education Prevention of the State AIDS budget was cut. Those four million dollars will filter down to Los Angeles County and impact the availability of prevention resources for the upcoming year.

Recognition

Mario Perez thanked and recognized the Gay and Lesbian Community Service Center for their response and willingly on two occasions to make their staff available to provide rapid testing.

Latino Pride is scheduled for August 5, 2001, downtown Los Angeles on Hill Street between Olympic and 11th street, from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

CO-CHAIRS REPORT

Jeff Bailey informed the PPC that Rosetta Chamberlain resigned last month. Veronica Morales, Mark Etzel, Sandra Cargill, and Richard Zaldivar will be attending the National HIV Prevention Conference next week. The Policies and Procedures will be amended to include Roll call at the end of the PPC meetings to ensure full attendance.

Syphilis Update by Tony Bustamante

This year there is a 21% increase over last year of syphilis in men who have sex with men. A handout produced by the STD program was passed out. Infections are spread out throughout the county. Last year there was concentrated activity in certain SPAs. Some individuals are naming over 100 anonymous partners with in a three-month period. Some of the venues are Internet, gay.com, chat rooms. An average of between 3 to 5 cases per week is being identified. Some individuals are still setting up meetings to engage in unprotected sex, even though they are HIV positive.

Last year San Francisco had an Internet syphilis outbreak and they were successful in identifying twenty-one cases of those 40% were located and tested.

Mario Perez commented that one of the strategies used last year was widespread testing of men as part of routine medical care especially in the HIV outpatient clinics. OAPP is able to make that a contractual requirement. Currently the syphilis survey is part of the standards of care for all outpatient providers with contract through OAPP. He noted that multiple providers have contributed to the identifications of those cases. Currently approximately 100% testing for syphilis are being conducted in the men's central jail.

Gaps Analysis

Jeff Bailey commented that the PPC values and recognizes the work of the Gaps Analysis ad hoc committee. Based on the recommendations of the Executive sub-committee it was suggested that the gaps analysis continue within the current framework of the PPC structure. It was suggested that the resource inventory of funding resources would fold into the Evaluation sub-committee and the resource inventory of Behavioral Interventions would go to the Standards and Best Practice sub-committee. The Operations sub-committee has been addressing issues related to PPC membership. A grid of the PPC demographics is included in the PPC packet. The Operations

sub-committee will break this down by service planning areas indicating the SPA where PPC members work and live. Members of the Gaps Analysis ad hoc committee were invited to attend and participate in the PPC sub-committee meetings.

It was recommended that the Evaluation sub-committee consider looking at the allocation formula.

Mario Perez stated that he welcomes discussions about 1) how to encourage providers from specific SPAs to propose programs to serve specific SPAs, 2) the quality of the prevention programs that exist.

Jeff Bailey reiterated that the Executive sub-committee felt that it was imperative to impress upon this body that HIV Prevention Planning is evidence based and that we are all ambassadors of that HIV Prevention Plan.

STANDING SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Youth Leadership Meeting by Sergio Avina and Chi-Wai Au

The July meeting was cancelled. Feedback will be provided to the three sub-committees that provided a presentation to the Youth Leadership sub-committee. They are also finalizing a Youth Subcommittee application for youth interested in becoming members of a core group of the Youth sub-committee. The application will be presented to the executive subcommittee for approval. One of their goals is to condense the HIV Prevention Plan and similar documents for presentations and orientations to Youth Leadership members. A consultant will be contacted for this project. Another goal is a plan to provide recognition and awards. They will bring that proposal to the Executive sub-committee and consequently to the PPC. They still need the Standards and Best Practice sub-committee to provide a presentation.

Evaluation by Nancy Wongvipat

They are prioritizing their tasks. They will be working on the allocation formula, Resource Inventory of funding resources, CRAS, and the PPC membership survey. They will also work on data inventory, which may be sent out to the agencies. It is research to gather data on a local level.

Best Practice/Standards

They are working on a matrix of the interventions that was submitted to the Executive sub-committee. They are prioritizing their work. They did not meet last month.

Operations

The recommendation on the issue of attendance and roll call will be brought to the Executive subcommittee. The new Policy and Procedures do not distinguish between absent or excused absence, therefore the attendance sheet will reflect only absence or attendance.

Public Policy Marketing by Mark Etzel

The CHHS and the PPC have commenced their joint Public Policy meeting on the third Friday of the month. They are working on the shared goals of strategic planning process. He requested that the social marketing be given to a different sub-committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Kellii Trombacco** thanked the PPC members for recognizing Paul Davis today. Funeral Services will be on Saturday at 12:00 p.m. at Grace Chapel in Inglewood.
- **Maria G. Perez** commented that the findings of Dr. Rafael Diaz and Dr. George Ayala were made available at an event hosted by Bienestar. The recent study was related to Latino MSM and the different issues related to high risk and HIV Transmission. It is on the WEBB site. Copies will be included in the packet in the September meeting.
- **Richard Young** audio technician offered his services. (Telephone number (323) 267-2763 fax number (323) 267-2776)
- **Ramon Flores** extended an invitation to PPC members who wish to visit their presentations with communities of faith. Their program Proyecto Fe conducts ongoing training with Baptist ministers. If interested contact him at (562) 436-9722 ext. 11. On September 29 they will be having their first AIDS faith walk, at Ruben Zalazar Park.

ADJOURNEMENT

The meeting was adjourned.
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